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VIOLETTE ASSOCIATION
8 Church St.
W. Scarborough, ME 04074

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members,

Greetings to all of you! I hope your holidays were pleasant ones, and the winter was not too harsh in your part of the world.

I am in the process of organizing a steering committee to start preparations for the 1987 reunion, and I have tentatively booked the HOLIDAY INN as their banquet room seats 1500. Hopefully, the people involved will provide ideas for entertainment and other activities for the weekend of our planned reunion. I will be welcoming any and all suggestions.

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU: if you know of any other Violettes, who are not present members, would you get in touch with them or send me their names and addresses. It would be appreciated..... We will always continue to grow and change (in numbers), but it is only through this growth and change that our Association can become much better and stronger.

Thank you and HAPPY SUMMER...

Sincerely,

Jeannine

--- A FAUX PAS ---

This is a belated THANK YOU to all those who contributed crafts to be auctioned at the Connecticut reunion. Without these contributions, the treasury would be \$423 poorer...

Sincere thanks to all of you who donated your time, skills and good will to make this "raffle" a huge success.

Your kindness is another example of why WE ARE ONE...

..... IN CASE YOU'VE WONDERED

In order to cut down expenses, it was decided to print only two Newsletters a year. We have done away with bulk mailing, for the time being, to save time and to maintain my sanity (?)

As the '87 reunion approaches, we may have to revert back to bulk mailing, but I hope this never happens.

Keep sending us any information you feel would be pertinent for this Newsletter.

Everyone appreciates your contributions and enjoys reading about Violettes everywhere.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

I'm again listing the slate of new officers for the next three years, as I've had requests from members who have either lost or misplaced the names and addresses:

PRESIDENT: Jeannine Trufant, 8 Church St., W. Scarboro, ME 04074

VICE-PRES: Ivan R. Violette, RFD#1, Box 183A, York, ME 03909

TREASURER: Jacqueline Violette, 12 Willow Haven St., Saco, ME 04072

SECRETARY: Emileen Cormier, P.O. Box 362, Enfield, CT 06082

Board members and former officers are:

Rita V. Lippe, 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, MA 01844

Richard Violette, 52 Essex St., Lowell, MA 01850

REMEMBER: Newsletter information goes to Ivan. All other requests (new members, donations & purchases) should go to Jackie.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CONNECTICUT REUNION

Cash receipts:	\$ 7969.00	Profit on shirts and hats:	\$ 588.00
Expenses:			
Trophies	40.00		
Banquet refunds	240.00	Profit on raffle:	423.00
Banquet	6,163.25		
Envelopes (Ramada)	178.62	LOSS: (\$11.28)	1,011.00
Printing	63.10		
Rental of VCR	16.07	TOTAL EXPENSES:	7,980.28
Telephone, paper, misc.	169.84		
Pins	635.00	TOTAL PROFIT:	\$ 999.72
Pens, bags, name tags	474.40		

WHAT IS RITA UP TO THESE DAYS???

Now that Rita is no longer responsible for the Newsletter, a few people have asked what she is doing...

Rita is involved with many projects in the genealogical field, and she is forever researching information on Violettes where a "hot lead" takes her. This is a never-ending endeavor.

Our 'fearless leader' is never idle. She maintains correspondence with members, plus feeds me information for the Newsletter, while also keeping the Association records up-to-date.

NOTE: Rita has also done research for some of our members (on other lines, besides Violettes.) She would be happy to do the same for others - free of charge. Contact Rita for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?? DID YOU KNOW?? DID YOU KNOW??

We have a Violette Street in Van Buren, a Violette Hill in Portland and Violette Avenue in Waterville...

These exotic thoroughfares are, of course, all in MAINE.

--- PASSED AWAY ---

-(Annie Violette Dubois) of Lawrence, MA, on Feb. 23, 1985.
Surviving are her daughter, Corinne Dubois Lafond #1375 and
her sister, Yvonne Violette Morneau #272.
- #275 (Diana Violette Berube) in December of 1984. She leaves a
daughter, Priscilla Berube #28 and a brother, Edgar Violette #723.
- 263 (Solange Violette Lausier) of Augusta, ME, in February, 1985.
She leaves her husband, Raymond Lausier #264; three sons: Dr.
Robert Fontaine #1053, Larry Fontaine #265 and Paul Fontaine
#547; two daughters: Mrs. Colette Galarneau and Anne Fontaine
#266; four brothers: Amedee Violette #62, Adrien Violette #379,
Edmond Violette #286 and Fernand Violette; three sisters:
Florence V. Labbe #70, Noella V. Skinner #35 and Annette
Bilodeau #132.

*** ITEMS FOR SALE ***

Our treasurer, Jackie Violette, has informed me that there are
still quite a few "goodies" available from the reunion.

Prices quoted include postage:

SHIRTS	\$16.00	HATS	\$6.00
PHOTOS	5.37	BUMPER STICKERS	1.37

All shirts are large, except for one X-large. Photos are black
and white group pictures of the Connecticut reunion.

Anyone wishing to order should contact Jacqueline Violette, 12
Willow Haven St., Saco, ME 04072.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED TREK TO FRANCE

To date, I have received about 20 names of people who might be
interested in going/returning to France in 1986 (possibly in late
August or early September).

I had hoped for a much better response, as I feel a larger group
would make the trip more economical for all concerned.

Unless I hear from more of you in the next three months, I feel
that such a trip is out of the question.

I've kept all correspondence and will be in touch with those
who responded, one way or the other.

.....FAMILY GENEALOGY.....

Rita's book is still available to family members for the same
price of \$29.95, plus \$2.00 in U.S. and \$3.00 in Canada for postage.
(for non-members, the price is \$34.95 and \$2.00 for postage)

Those of us who have had a chance to browse through the book are
constantly amazed at the enormous information contained in Rita's
'labor of love'. It is a book to be cherished and gleaned through
for generations to come.

If interested, contact Rita V. Lippe, 32 Louise Ave., Methuen,
MA 01844.

WEDDING BELLS

#119 Denise Petit was married on October 6, 1984, in San Jose, Ca. to Dale Hall of Canton, OH. Denise is the daughter of Roger Petit #11 and Irene Violette Petit #10 of Hudson Falls, NY. Congratulations to the married pair...

PAUL E. VIOLETTE #603

The 112th Maine Legislature has a new Senate Majority Leader. He is Paul Violette of Van Buren, ME, son of Elmer Violette #457 and Marcella Belanger Violette #458 of Van Buren, ME.

Paul is presently in charge of 24 Senate Democrats and hopes to start practicing law when the 112th terminates...

CONGRATULATIONS, Paul, and whip those Senators into shape.

...RECENT DEATHS IN FRANCE...

We were sorry to hear of the demise of Alfred Viollet of Villejesus, France, who passed away on Dec. 23, 1984. Those of you who went to France will remember how happy and emotional he was when a reception was given for Violette members. Alfred was 89 at the time of his death. (NOTE: Rita V. Lippe and her husband, Bob, will be guests of his family in May at Villejesus)

Maurice Violette of Augusta, ME, was kind enough to inform me that Marcel Sanarens of Vallet, France, passed away last summer. Marcel was the husband of Renee Viollet Sanarens and was 82 when he died. Some of you may recollect tasting the wine that Marcel was associated with at the Vallet reception.

The Association extends its condolences to surviving members of both families.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Denis Bonenfant of Norwalk, CT, was the lucky winner of the Rainbow Lottery to the tune of \$100,000. The Association extends its best wishes to Denis.

The lucky winner is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Felicien Bonenfant #96 and #97 of E. Norwalk, CT.

(Thanks to Irene Charette #696 for sharing the good news)

...MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW...

- #1381 Corinne Violette Thivierge, 20 Birch Ave., Van Buren, ME
- 1382 Leon Thivierge, 20 Birch Ave., Van Buren, ME
- 1383 Dorothy Violette Morin
- 1384 Berthe Roy Guimont, 12132 Bois de Boulogne, Montreal, P.Q.
- 1385 Jeannine M. Lord, 20 Church St., Oakland, ME
- 1386 Richard E. Lord, 20 Church St., Oakland, ME
- 1387 Margaret B. Violette, 110 Old Springfield Rd., Stafford Springs, CT
- 1388 Nancy V. Violette Richards, Rt 2, Box 465A, Portland, OR
- 1389 Frank G. Richards, Rt 2, Box 465A, Portland, OR

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